



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1725"

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KENJI MIWA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: LIN, K
SERIAL NO: 09/158,099 :
2ND RCE FILED: MARCH 23, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1725
FOR: METHOD OF REFINEMENT OF :
MICROSTRUCTURE OF METALLIC
MATERIALS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.